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EPA's monitoring wells were constructed using casing consisting of threaded pipes of carbon steel alloy which were fitted to the stainless steel screens at the base of the wells. Carbon steel alloy is commonly used as pipe or well casing in deep wells where material strength is required to withstand pressure. This is the same material identified for well casing in EPA's Quality Assurance Project Plan for monitoring well installation and sampling. EPA is confident sample results for organic compounds and dissolved solids were not impacted by the materials used for the screens or well casing.

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